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Application No: 10/628,813	Group No.: 2627
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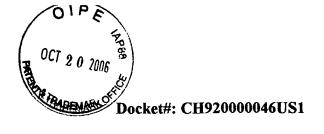
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006:

Request for Two Month Extension of Time. Applicants request a three month extension of time from August 18, 2006 to October 18, 2006, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee therefore, \$450.00, 37 CFR \$1.17(a)(2), to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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